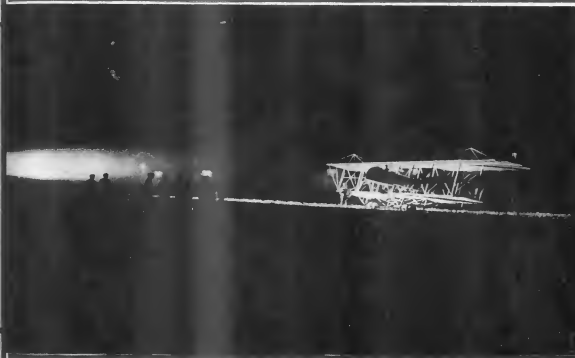


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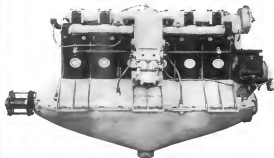
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**T**HE plans that have been prepared for Langley Field indicate that aviation is to have a veritable West Point. The site seems to lend itself to architectural treatment of the most elaborate character, and great praise is due the architect and those who cooperated with him for the comprehensive plan which has been submitted.

What may be the development from the extensive experimental work to be conducted at the field the Army alone can show. If the automobile early in its history had been substituted with millions of dollars of Government appropriations and there had been devoted to its improvement and refinement the best trained minds of the Army and Navy, how much more quickly would the moderate priced reliable vehicle of today have been produced. The airplane, requiring as it does the skill of aeronautical engineers and motor experts, would have developed slowly but at not least for governmental support. With all the research and experimental work centered at one place the service of aviation will immediately receive an impetus which will place the United States in a position to produce aircraft types which should lead the world.

It is becoming more and more evident to those who are considering the future of the aeronautical requirements of the Government that it is inefficient to have both the Army and Navy working along parallel lines in building up two separate air services. Langley Field may be one of the means of showing to those in authority that this country can best be served by one centralized aeronautical service.

### The Cadet Course

The unparalleled rush of young men from all parts of the country to enter the aviation service has brought with it problems that are not easily solved. The general ignorance of most of the applicants is that they can immediately rush an airplane and will learn to fly in the same way that they learned to operate an automobile. The need has been so pressing that this procedure has almost been the rule. But with experience as a guide and the lack of sufficient equipment as a fact to consider a more carefully planned program of tuition can be undertaken. The announced cadet course to be given at the various educational institutions selected is a step in the right direction.

Before any young man should be allowed to operate the controls of valuable Government airplanes even with the most experienced instructors, he should have been tested both physically and mentally and the unworthy unfit eliminated. It is true that under the

present of necessity many aviators flying abroad could not pass some of the tests required. One of the most brilliant of the French flyers is reported to be a hopeless seasickness, yet he has achieved results that are unparalleled. But these are exceptional cases.

The military or naval aviator to be of the greatest value to the Army or Navy must have a physique that will withstand the exacting demands of air maneuvering, must have the training and intelligence to be able to observe as well as to fight, and must be grounded in the tactics of the air as well as the operation of a machine.

The cadet course will act as a sieve which will automatically retain for the service the capable and the promising.

### The National Advisory Committee

On another page of this issue will be found a statement of the organization, duties, work already accomplished and now under way by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

The Committee deserves the hearty support and cordial cooperation of the entire aeronautical industry. Its efforts in assisting to solve some of the most important problems, including that of patents deserve high praise.

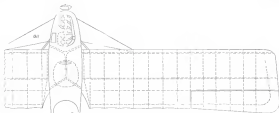
With the inauguration of its new field experimental station, which will include a testing laboratory, wind tunnel, and machine shops, the Committee will be able to make still more valuable contributions to the practical solution of aeronautical problems, and these contributions will be available to the entire industry.

### The Work of the S. A. E. Standards Committee

Working in close cooperation with the Army and Navy, the Standards Committee of the S. A. E. through its aeronautics division, has made important recommendations for the adoption of fixed standards in many details of construction of machines. It is significant to find that many of the large constructors are supporting in this work.

Adoption of standards, which will enable an increased production of machines to be made will not only be of benefit to the industry, but is necessary if the country is to take an important and commanding part in the war. It is gratifying to see the earnest and harmonious efforts of the engineers and Government officers, working together for the solution of problems which must be solved if we are to make ourselves felt as a factor in the fight for freedom and democracy.





Machine Gun Track

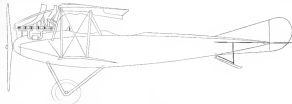
Wing structure not shown above body



Upper Deck



PLAN VIEW OF THE AVIATION C-111



SIDE PLAN VIEW OF THE AVIATION C-111

(Fig. 1) This area is 100 sq. ft. with a tail of 5 per cent of the total wing area. The structure of the wing is, in general, similar to that of the other Aviation aircraft, although the section is high-taper and the center is somewhat low.

These dimensions are in respect of the horizontal section, which makes it possible to easily compare with other aircraft. The fuselage is of wood, a variety from the independence of normal German aircraft. The area is 100 sq. ft.

These three dimensions being materially similar to those of the C-111.

The leading gear is identical with that of the C-111, except that the track is 2 ft. less, the wire cross-tying line is the same as the other, instead of that of the fuselage and there is no track.

The tail is also in more nearly horizontal than on the C-111 type and is not inclined to the level below the body instead of having a separate portion of tail back up to support it.

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The exhaust pipe is directed downwards and towards the rear along the right side of the body, an unusual feature in German aircraft. The radiators, two in number, are placed one on each side of the body. They are very small and of slightly different form, that on the left being the larger. They are supported by a wire rack just above the main shaft.

#### Controls

The general type of control system is similar to that on the C-111, but there are interesting variations and additions. The elevator lever has attached to it a device forming a parallelogram, and a friction device incorporated with this linkage makes it possible to lock the lever at any point.



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#### The Tail and Control Surfaces

As in the model C-111, the tail section is a T, with a solid tail beam. It is horizontal and fixed. The position of the vertical surfaces is remarkably far forward, but the fin and rubber is in contact with the rear of the body. The entire fin is completely above the body. The fin, however, provides some vertical fin surface below the body. This setting of the vertical surfaces makes it possible to make the elevator in one piece, but elevator and rudder are hinged to the fuselage at their ends, which are set in front of the axis of rotation. The surfaces are all roughly symmetrical. The fin is rounded, even the fin having no keel (unusual) (triangular shape). It is like that of the C-111, the stabilizer is set at a low angle to the line of flight. The most noteworthy feature of the structure is the ex-

istence, 15 sq. ft., for (including last section) 15 sq. ft. elevator 12 sq. ft. rudder 8 sq. ft.

#### Body

The structure of the body is similar to that of the C-111, such as in the case of the lower main body, there is no wire or other adjustable cross-tying whatever. The track is 10 ft. 4 in. and the largest cross-section is 4 ft. 3 in. high by 1 ft. 1 in.



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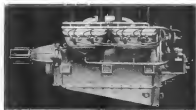
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